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Title : Need to provide market outlets to the Societies and Cooperatives of J&K engaged in handicrafts/handloom works at the important railway stations and airports.

SHRI ABDUL RASHID SHAHEEN (BARAMULLA): Sir, the State of Jammu and Kashmir has gone through a traumatic experience of violence, which left the lacerating wounds behind on the minds and memories of affected population.

With healthy change in the world economic scenario, Foreign Direct Investment process started in the rest of the country but zero investment was recorded in Jammu and Kashmir, especially Kashmir and Ladakh Provinces of the Jammu and Kashmir State. But there has been improvement in the handicraft sector. With the increase of production and modernisation of designs promotion, now the paucity of market is disheartening to the craft workers.

I earnestly request the Government to provide market outlets to the societies and co-operatives of handicrafts/handloom workers on the important railway stations and airports of the country so that the production in handloom and handicraft sectors remain stable and the jobs of handicrafts and handloom workers remain secure.